The Federal Communications Commission has a duty and a mandate to act in the public interest. It is primarily an organ of the public and must conduct itself as an advocate for The People.

The People's interests are not served by monopoly or oligopoly ownership of media. Such consolidated ownership, for overtly political purposes or for merely blind economic purposes, serves to diminish and exclude minority viewpoints, to homogenize and standardize morality and "taste," to limit the range of discussion and to promote an implicit commercial/consumerist agenda over the pre-existing and superordinating commonwealth/citizenship origins of our Republic.

Four of five hundred years ago, a despicable minority of black africans kidnapped and sold their fellows into bondage for the money of Dutch, Spanish and English slave traders. Today Chairman Powell continues that shameful tradition by selling out his fellow Americans, of every color and social status, to a venal corporate culture. We are all on the auction block and the gavel is about to fall. Will it be the Austrailian fascist or the Mickey Mouse dictator? As always, it will be the highest bidder.

Vote NO to further deregulation and then enact a sweeping new set of ownership and diversity reforms. This is your mandate. This is your job!

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